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Top Stories

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Immigration and Customs Enforcement's dependence on state driver's license databases has grown into the bedrock of their surveillance infrastructure, according to thousands of facial-recognition requests, internal documents and emails over the past five years obtained through a public records request submitted by Georgetown Law researchers. The documents show that databases are routinely used to locate suspects in low-level crimes, and searches are authorized with no more than an email from a federal agent to a local

official, the records show. (The Washington Post)

- Former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis met with both Teresa Carlson, vice president of Amazon.com Inc.'s unit overseeing cloud services sales to government bodies, and Chief Executive Jeff Bezos in two separate meetings in 2017, according to new emails uncovered in a public records request. While the emails do not say what was discussed during the meetings, the disclosures come as the Defense Department is accused by Oracle Corp. and International Business Machines Corp. of giving Amazon preferential treatment during the award process for the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure cloud computing contract. (The Wall Street Journal)

- Facebook Inc. and Twitter Inc. have not been invited to President Donald Trump's social media summit on Thursday, according to people familiar with the matter, who suggested the lack of an invitation was not surprising because the event is not expected to seriously discuss issues like antitrust regulations facing the industry. The White House has not publicly disclosed the companies that have been invited, but previous reports suggest the guest list includes a number of conservative social media luminaries who have been critical of the platforms. (CNN)

Chart Review

Not Even a Giant Can Withstand the Tech Storm
Bloomberg

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

07/08/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop

Public Forum: Action Items for Implementing the Federal Data Strategy

07/09/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop

The Information's conference call on the relationship between the U.S. and China	9:00 am
Senate Judiciary hearing on protecting innocence in the digital world	10:00 am
Telecommunications Industry Association's event on IoT security and legislation	12:00 pm
CBC Tech 2020: a Discussion on Artificial Intelligence	1:00 pm
Senate Commerce hearing on NASA exploration plans in honor of the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 mission	3:00 pm

07/10/2019

VentureBeat Transform 2019	
TechCrunch Sessions: Mobility 2019	9:00 am
Center for Strategic and International Studies' "Network Futures: 5G, SDN and the Internet" webcast event	9:00 am
Senate Commerce markup, including bills on STEM careers, broadband data, IoT innovations and more	10:00 am
House Homeland Security Committee's hearing on the Department of Homeland Security's use of facial recognition and biometric technologies	10:00 am
House Science Committee's hearing on NASA's plans for the international space station	10:00 am
FCC's July Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am
AEI event on higher education and artificial intelligence	10:45 am
New America's event on governance in space	2:00 pm

07/11/2019

VentureBeat Transform 2019	
White House Social Media Summit	
FCC's SHAKEN/STIR Robocall Summit	

U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Data Done Right" summit focused on data privacy	9:45 am
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation's event on the big tech breakup debate	10:00 am
FCC webinar for low power broadcasters on the emergency alert system	1:00 pm
Senate Commerce hearing on National Surface Transportation Research Agenda	2:00 pm

07/12/2019

House Energy and Commerce's energy subcommittee's hearing on cyber threats to the grid	9:30 am

07/14/2019

Microsoft Inspire

07/15/2019

Fortune's Brainstorm Tech 2019	
Microsoft Inspire	
Transformative Technology Summit	6:30 pm

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General

Amazon Workers Plan Prime Day Strike Despite $15-an-Hour Pledge
Josh Eidelson and Spencer Soper, Bloomberg

Amazon.com Inc. warehouse workers in Minnesota plan to strike during the online retailer's summer sales extravaganza, a sign that labor unrest persists even after the company committed to paying all employees at least $15 an hour last year.

MacKenzie Bezos Gets Ready for a $38 Billion Stake in Amazon
Matt Day and Tom Metcalf, Bloomberg

It's official. MacKenzie and Jeff Bezos are divorced after 25 years of marriage.

Employee Activism Is Alive in Tech. It Stops Short of Organizing Unions.
Kate Conger and Noam Scheiber, The New York Times

In February, about a dozen employees at a small technology company called NPM embarked on an effort that is often frowned upon at start-ups: trying to unionize. For more than three months, the workers had battled the company's new management over their hours, a changing workplace culture and diversity issues, said seven current and former NPM employees.

UK PM candidate Johnson urges tax on global tech giants
Andrew MacAskill, Reuters

Boris Johnson, the leading candidate to replace Theresa May as British Prime Minister, said on Thursday the government had to find a way to tax global technology giants on their income.

U.S. clears SoftBank's $2.25 billion investment in GM-backed Cruise
Alexandra Alper and Greg Roumeliotis, Reuters

Cruise, a U.S. self-driving vehicle company majority-owned by General Motors Co, told Reuters on Friday that a U.S. national security panel approved a $2.25 billion investment in the firm by Japan's SoftBank Corp. SoftBank has come under increasing U.S. scrutiny over its ties to Chinese firms in the face of an escalating trade and technology war between Washington and Beijing.

Ford and VW Are Set to Cooperate on Self-Driving and Electric Cars
Jack Ewing and Neal E. Boudette, The New York Times

Ford Motor Company and Volkswagen are expected to sign an agreement as soon as next week to share the cost of developing autonomous vehicles and producing electric cars, according to two people with knowledge of the discussions.

U.S. Futures, Europe Stocks Struggle; Gold Climbs: Markets Wrap
Laura Curtis, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures edged lower and stocks in Europe struggled for direction following steep declines in Asia as investors kicked off the busy week in a cautious mood. Gold and Treasuries advanced.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Google's onetime hired gun could now be its antitrust nightmare
Steven Overly and Margaret Harding McGill, Politico

When Google needed government sign-off on a 2007 acquisition that would tighten its grip on the digital advertising market, the company turned to antitrust attorney and lobbyist Makan Delrahim to help get the job done. Now, as the Justice Department's top antitrust enforcer, Delrahim could be the one to undo it all.

Your Data Could Be at the Center of the Fight Against Big Tech
Adam Satariano, The New York Times

Germany's top antitrust enforcer, Andreas Mundt, recently asked a room full of lawyers, academics and regulators to imagine a wall filled with their personal information collected by Facebook and Google. He told them to picture it stocked with their data broken up into categories like finances, location, relationships and hobbies.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Chasing SpaceX, Amazon Seeks to Launch 3,236 Internet Satellites

Todd Shields, Bloomberg

Amazon.com Inc. asked for U.S. permission to launch 3,236 communications satellites, joining a new space race to offer internet service from low orbits and challenge the fleet planned by Elon Musk's SpaceX. Amazon in a July 4 filing told the Federal Communications Commission its Kuiper satellites will deliver broadband to tens of millions of consumers and businesses that now lack adequate access to the internet.

Pai Points to Government Impediments to 5G
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

On July 4, FCC chairman Ajit Pai took aim at what he sees as efforts by elements of his own government to delay the rollout of critical 5G networks, and did so on a trip outside the U.S. That came in a speech to the Congreso Latinamericano de Telecommunicaciones in Córdoba, Argentina.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

2nd Customs and Border Protection-connected secret Facebook group shows mocking images
Geneva Sands and Nick Valencia, CNN

At least one other social media group with an apparent nexus to Customs and Border Protection has been discovered to contain vulgar and sexually explicit posts, according to screenshots shared by two sources familiar with the Facebook pages. The secret Facebook group, "The Real CBP Nation," which has around 1,000 members, is host to an image that mocks separating migrant families, multiple demeaning memes of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a New York Democrat, and other derisive images of Asians and African Americans.

Facebook says private groups are its future. Some are hubs for misinformation and hate.
Elizabeth Dwoskin, The Washington Post

For more than two years, Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg has touted membership in private, "meaningful" communities as central to the future of the social network. But that strategy of pushing closed interactions within groups is increasingly butting up against the company's capacity to monitor those that break the social network's rules against hate speech, harassment and

other ills, civil rights groups and other advocates say.

As New Zealand Fights Online Hate, the Internet's Darkest Corners Resist
Jamie Tarabay, The New York Times

A video game that uses footage of the Christchurch massacre to put Muslims in a gunman's cross hairs. Memes featuring the face and weapons of the man charged in that New Zealand attack.

Twitter's Disinformation Data Dumps Are Helpful-To a Point
Sara Harrison, Wired

In October 2017, Twitter general counsel Sean Edgett faced difficult questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee about foreign interference in the 2016 election. Flanked by representatives from Facebook and Google, Edgett explained how Russia's Internet Research Agency (IRA) had systematically spread fake news and stoked partisan sentiment through a carefully coordinated, years-long social media campaign.

Now Some Families Are Hiring Coaches to Help Them Raise Phone-Free Children
Nellie Bowles, The New York Times

Parents around the country, alarmed by the steady patter of studies around screen time, are trying to turn back time to the era before smartphones. But it's not easy to remember what exactly things were like before smartphones.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

FTC to Ask About Disabling YouTube Ads for Kids' Privacy
Ben Brody, Bloomberg

The chairman of the Federal Trade Commission asked children's privacy advocates whether having video creators on YouTube disable ads could resolve concerns the site is violating laws to protect kids, according to a person familiar with the conversation. During a July 1 call, Chairman Joseph Simons and fellow Republican Commissioner Noah Phillips suggested the world's largest video site wouldn't need to move all children's content to a separate platform as advocates have proposed, according to the person.

U.K. Privacy Regulator Shows Its Teeth: Fines British Airways Parent $230 Million for Data Breach
Adria Calatayud and Robert Wall, The Wall Street Journal

British Airways parent International Consolidated Airlines Group SA said it would fight a hefty fine proposed by U.K. regulators for a cyberattack that exposed personal data of about half a million of the airline's customers. Britain's Information Commissioner's Office said on Monday it proposed fining the airline £183.4 million ($229.6 million) for failing to protect passenger records.

Mystery of NSA leak lingers as stolen document case winds up
Tami Abdollah and Eric Tucker, The Associated Press

Federal agents descended on the suburban Maryland house with the flash and bang of a stun grenade, blocked off the street and spent hours questioning the homeowner about a theft of government documents that prosecutors would later describe as "breathtaking" in its scale.

European Privacy Laws May Be Hampering Those Catching Terrorists
Natalia Drozdiak, Bloomberg

When U.S., European and Canadian law enforcement officials claimed success last year in largely obliterating militant group Islamic State's online propaganda network following a two-year operation, it was a public database of domain names that partly helped.

Cities lead crackdown on facial recognition tech
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

Cities and states are leading the crackdown on using facial recognition as lawmakers in Congress struggle to find a path to address concerns over the emerging technology. Privacy and civil rights advocates have castigated facial recognition as overly invasive and potentially discriminatory.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Selling Your Private Information Is a Terrible Idea

Sarah Jeong, The New York Times

We don't allow people to sell their kidneys. We shouldn't let them sell the details of their lives, either.

Big Tech Has Dug a Moat That Rivals and Regulators Can't Cross
Shira Ovide, Bloomberg

As U.S. anti-monopoly authorities weigh possible investigations into America's technology superpowers, there is one advantage the government can't touch: the size, scale and might of the tech giants' computer networks, logistics machines and other infrastructure.

How To Protect Our Kids' Data And Privacy
Wired

YouTube is currently under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission following complaints that the platform improperly collected data from young users. It's unclear how much data this might be, but there's reason to believe it could be a lot.

Research Reports

Huawei Technologies' Links to Chinese State Security Services
Christopher Balding, Fulbright University Vietnam

Using a unique dataset of CVs, this paper analyzes the relationship between key Huawei personnel and the Chinese state security services. Based upon an analysis of this dataset, I find there is strong evidence that Huawei personnel act at the direction of Chinese state intelligence, and that there exists a deep and lasting relationship between Huawei, its employees, and the Chinese state.

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